

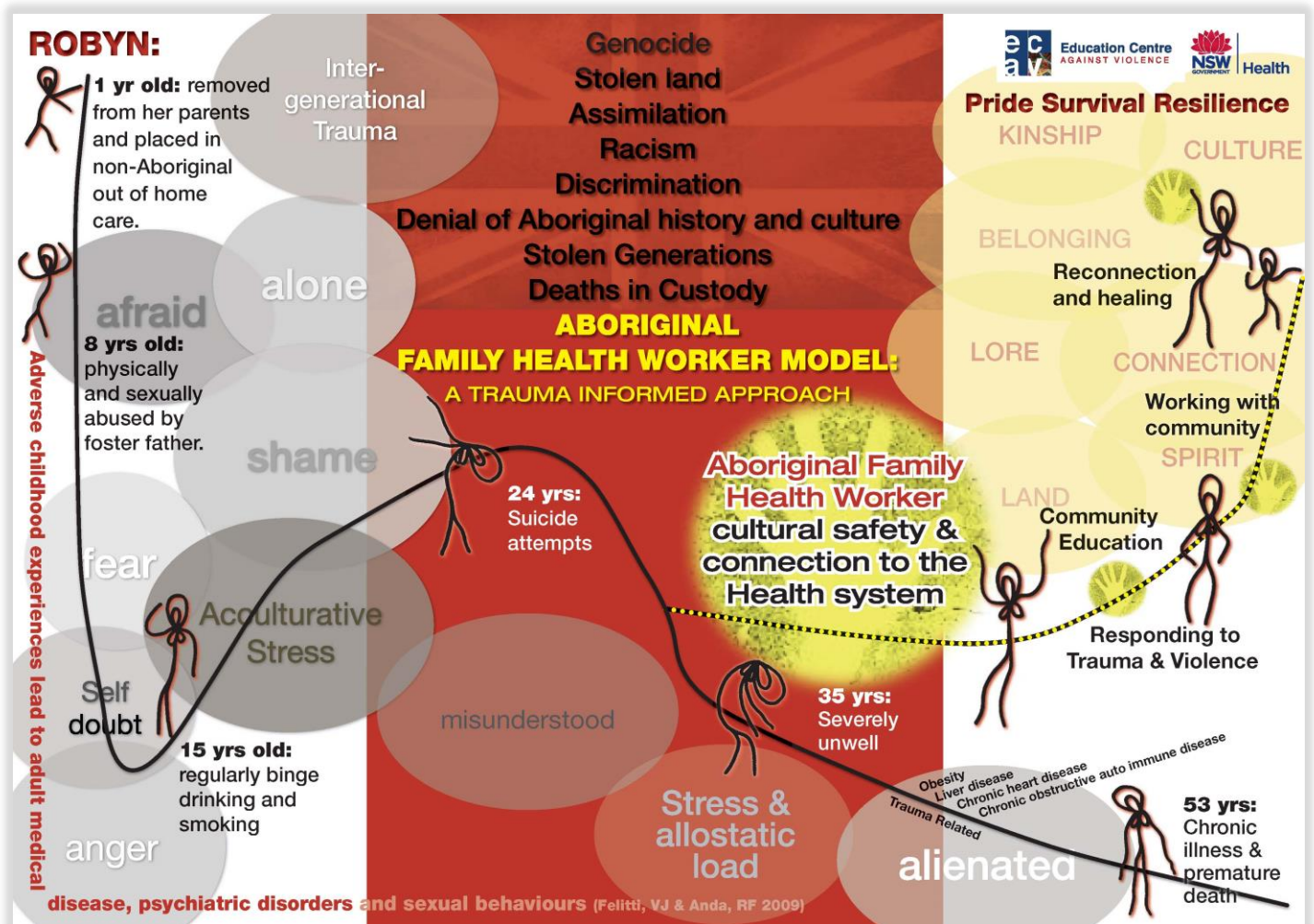


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Overview of ECAV

ECAV was established as the Sexual Assault Education Unit in 1985 to provide training and resource development in the areas of child sexual assault and adult sexual assault. This followed the findings of reports of the NSW Sexual Assault Committee and later the NSW Child Sexual Assault Task Force.

Over the years, a range of other issues emerged as significantly affecting clients presenting to health services for counselling. As a result, the brief of ECAV has expanded to resource and support professionals in their response to these clients. Since 1988 there has been an increasing demand for services to respond appropriately to adult clients who report having been sexually assaulted in childhood.

In 1990, the Centre's brief was expanded to include domestic violence education. In 1997, the Centre's brief was further expanded to include provision of professional training in the area of physical and emotional abuse and neglect of children and it was renamed the Education Centre Against Violence.

Over the past fifteen years ECAV has also been able to expand its ability to provide appropriate responses to Aboriginal communities through its Aboriginal Program which operates on an inclusive model of broad in-depth community consultation, networking and community development.

Since its establishment in 1985, as one of the NSW Health responses to the findings of the reports of the NSW Sexual Assault Committee, ECAV has been at the forefront of providing workforce support and training around issues of interpersonal violence and trauma. As the definitions and concepts of health and well-being have widened to incorporate broader ideas, the brief of ECAV has continued to expand and ECAV has grown to meet the increasing demand for expertise around abuse, violence and neglect issues within a health framework.

Part of the success of ECAV has been its location within NSW Health, working closely with the Ministry of Health, Area Health Services, and the diverse health frontline workforce, whilst also maintaining strong relationships with key other government and non-government departments. This ensures that ECAV is able to implement holistic responses that are appropriately tailored for the health context.

Over time, ECAV broadened its focus to incorporate clients of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, older clients and clients of mental health services to ensure that professionals might better understand the effects and consequences of their clients' experiences of abuse.

Values and Vision

The values, vision and strategic themes of the Centre are formulated and underpinned by a human rights framework. This reflects the core principles as defined by laws and conventions that operate both at an international and a domestic context, including:

- Universal Declarations of Human Rights
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Violence Against Women
- Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Charter of Victims' Rights
- Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act
- Social Justice and Human Rights for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People
- Non-discrimination and equality for all members of the Australian society.

All of the Centre's educational strategies operate within this framework supported by a commitment from the organisation that everyone deserves the right to a non-violent life in which the human rights of all are safeguarded.

The over-riding philosophical framework, which supports models of training developed and delivered by the Education Centre Against Violence, relies on an understanding of the historical, cultural, legal, social, psychological, biological, political and personal contexts of those who have experienced interpersonal violence and the power relations affecting their lives and their access to services. Gender and cultural issues are addressed within these contexts and not in isolation.

In the course of its history the Centre has recruited staff with a high level of clinical and operational experience and expertise in these areas and has contributed significantly to the enhanced knowledge, expertise and skills of thousands of professionals responding to victims of sexual, physical and emotional abuse and violence. At the same time, professional development of the Centre's staff is ongoing to ensure that knowledge and training courses are current, take account of emerging research, and meet changing workforce needs. The areas of focus of the Centre are extremely challenging and confronting, as well as complex and extensive, yet the Centre has become a repository of excellence and best practice in these fields.

ECAV is also committed to ensuring the work undertaken is informed by the experiences of victims and survivors of trauma. In order to achieve this, significant work is undertaken to locate and listen to this critical input.

One of the ways this is achieved is by the use of reference groups to guide curriculum. ECAV has five reference groups that it regularly convenes for the portfolios of child protection, sexual assault, mental health, cultural equity and Aboriginal communities. Reference groups provide detailed input into programs and have sign off in relation to many issues of focus and content.

Breadth of Service Provision

The Centre's work is divided up into portfolios, that allow specialisation, and recruitment of those with the clinical and operational skills required. The portfolios in 2014 were:

Aboriginal; Child Protection (including Drug and Alcohol); Cultural Diversity; Domestic Violence; and Sexual Assault (including Mental Health). Practitioners within each portfolio area inform the other and the links are well understood across the service.

Research and practice experience shows that the cross over and intersections between the various portfolio areas are so strong that often the demarcations between portfolio areas are unclear. One of the strengths of ECAV is the flexible working model that allows trainers to work with each other across portfolio areas and inform each other's practice with the latest research and developments in their own speciality area. Regular team meetings, and cross portfolio reviews and working parties, ensure that these intersections are given due attention and provides a unique strength to the services offered by ECAV.

This applies not only to the intersections between Child Protection, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, but also across the lifespan, and across diverse communities, and especially the Aboriginal community. As a result each portfolio specialist is required to have strong skills and understanding in relation to the other aspects of ECAV work.

In each of the portfolio areas, ECAV undertakes the following:

Training

ECAV is, primarily a specialist education and training provider, focusing on equipping and developing the sector to ensure quality responses to victims of trauma, wherever they present in the health system. Employing those with expertise in portfolio areas, provides focus to each discrete yet inter-related portfolio, allowing for gaps to be identified, attention to emerging research and timely responses to new policy directions or emerging issues.

As well as permanent staff, ECAV engages a range of skilled specialist sessional trainers. Most of the Centre's programs are delivered by co-trainers. This ensures educators can respond to the emotional reactions and historical trauma responses that the material often prompts in participants. Trainers are also required to respond to sensitive clinical issues raised by participants in training and require highly developed knowledge of NSW Health policies in order to provide operational and clinical advice.

The model employed by ECAV of predominantly face-to face training allows for skill development, precise responses to questions and sensitive engagement with the topics. The annual training calendar addresses both emerging practice issues, as well as specific requests from Area Health Services. It is part of the ethos of ECAV that the training is

available and accessible for all staff in NSW - metropolitan, regional and rural - and accordingly courses are provided across NSW.

Policy Advice

ECAV makes significant contributions to policy analysis and development in a number of areas for NSW Health and other government and non-government agencies. From time to time, the Centre has also been requested to provide advice to agencies in other States. The Centre's strength in this capacity derives from its regular consultative activities with the health sector and with partners, its extensive networks and its recognised high quality service delivery. This provides a unique position to assess the impacts of and need for policy changes. In this way ECAV training becomes a testing ground for whether policy changes are making a difference for staff and clients on the frontline of service provision.

Consultation

Members of staff regularly respond to telephone inquiries from service providers, other professionals and from students. Advice is sought by a range of services, not only within NSW Health, but from across the state, interstate and overseas.

In particular, training participants frequently call the Centre for further information and to consult on clinical casework post-training. Consultations often involve clinical responses to complex cases of abuse. We also receive many inquiries for data on the incidence and nature of violence, offending and treatment options, referral and availability of training or resources. Providing these services enables ECAV trainers to identify gaps or problems in services.

Aboriginal Communities Matter Advisory Group

The work ECAV undertakes with Aboriginal communities and in relation to Aboriginal issues, is directly informed and overseen by the Aboriginal Communities Matter Advisory Group (ACMAG). This ongoing reference group is seen as crucial in providing an Aboriginal community voice to inform ECAV management and in identifying and structuring comprehensive program development. ACMAG ensures clear direction for the organisation and provides expert advice on racism, discrimination, white privilege, intergenerational trauma and Aboriginal healing.

It has been operating and informing practice for eight years, and is an invaluable part of program development and review. ACMAG includes ECAV Aboriginal Educators and consultants and external representatives with an understanding of, and expertise in, violence and abuse experienced by Aboriginal people.

ECAV's courses targeting Aboriginal issues, workers or communities are advised by the Aboriginal Communities Matter Advisory Group (ACMAG). This ongoing reference group was established by the Centre in 2003 to ensure that expansion of the Centre's programs with Aboriginal communities occurred in line with principles of self-determination. The Group

which meets bi-monthly includes ECAV Aboriginal trainers and consultants as well as key agency representatives who each have an understanding of and expertise in, violence and abuse experienced by Aboriginal people.

The Group developed and implemented the Aboriginal Strategic Directions (2004) document, a practical exercise in Aboriginal community decision-making and ensures that the Centre's education and training programs reflect the outcomes that Aboriginal communities determine for themselves.

More than a reference committee, ACMAG is a significant driver of practice for the Centre. This group, made up of community leaders, directs programs in the Aboriginal portfolio, and under its guidance and leadership, the work undertaken by this portfolio has increased from approximately 10% of the Centres work to the present 45%.

ECAV Team

Our Team

The ECAV Team is based within Western Sydney Local Health District and the Director of ECAV Lorna McNamara reports to Executive Director, Nursing and Midwifery. The Centre also has very strong ties with the Ministry of Health, from which it receives funding, and is regularly consulted in relation to key policy development and emerging trends within the sector.

Statewide Team in 2014

Catharina Webb, JIRT Health Statewide Workforce Development Officer, Sexual Assault and Mental Health Team Leader. Catharina has worked as a counsellor, supervisor and service coordinator, mainly with sexual assault services in both NSW Health and community organisations. Catharina has a strong belief in the capacity of children and young people to recover from trauma and the responsibility of adults to support that recovery.

Denise Voros, Domestic Violence/ Child Protection and Routine Screening Statewide Educator. Denise has worked in the areas of domestic violence, youth health and child protection as an educator, community development and case worker. She has primarily worked with migrant and refugee communities in both the government and non-government sectors. She has recent experience in policy development and managing youth health services in the Northern Territory.

Eva Adamkiewicz, Cultural Equity Statewide Educator. Eva has overseas training and experience in journalism. She has extensive experience in counselling, casework, community development, group work, training and management. For the last 20 years she was working with the individuals and groups of different cultural and linguistic backgrounds on health and welfare issues.

Ivan Clarke, Clinical and Educational Consultant for the Strong Aboriginal Men's Program. Prior to starting with ECAV, Ivan was the senior Aboriginal Counsellor with Link-Up NSW specialising in supporting stolen generation clients with alcohol and other drug issues, trauma, grief and loss, dual diagnosis and mental health issues. In the last 10 years Ivan has worked in the social welfare/counselling field at the WHO's Rehabilitation facility, Foundation house and the Salvation Army Foster House. He plays a critical role in the implementation of ECAV's Strong Aboriginal Men's Program, is a consultant for the community development program Weaving the Net and is a member of the Aboriginal Communities Matter Advisory Group (ACMAG).

Jane Adams, Aboriginal Child Protection Statewide Educator. Jane is a Kamilaroi woman and has over 15 years' experience working with Aboriginal people and communities to address issues of family/domestic violence, drug and alcohol and more recently education on developing skills to respond to child protection, child sexual assault and child abuse/neglect.

Jane Uebergang, Child Protection Statewide Educator. Jane has worked for over 25 years with women, children and families and teaching/training adults in social welfare. Jane worked for 10 years in child protection services in the UK as a social worker, manager and Independent Chair. Prior to this, Jane worked in the areas of sexual assault, community health and Women's health. She has extensive skills in counselling, groupwork, supervision, training and teaching.

Jude Tynan, Mental Health and Sexual Assault Statewide Education Officer. Jude is an accredited mental health social worker and a family therapist with extensive experience in clinical work; both individuals couples and families as well as the provision of supervision and training. Jude believes in bringing a strong social justice focus to her work as well as fostering resilience through supports and advocacy. Her work has included areas of sexual assault, trauma, children and families affected by mental illness. Jude has worked across both government and non-government settings.

Jussey Verco, Mental Health Sexual Assault Statewide Education Officer. Jussey has worked extensively for the last 18 years in the areas of domestic violence, child sexual abuse and mental health. She has worked predominantly in South Australia, but recently moved to NSW. She has provided supervision, counselling, facilitated therapeutic groups in each of these areas, and has been involved in community development projects to provide education to agencies and to address the impact of violence and abuse on people's lives.

Kathy Horne, Domestic Violence and Child Protection Team Leader. Kathy has over 20 years' experience providing therapy, supervision, management and training in government and non-government organisations, and in private practice with a focus on trauma work. Kathy has specialist skills in child protection, family therapy and working with young people.

Leticia Funston, Management Consultation. Leticia has a Bachelor of Arts in Communication (Social Inquiry), Bachelor of Social Work (First Class Honours), has worked as a social worker, activist and researcher in the field of feminist and decolonizing informed anti-violence work, Indigenous, LGBTIQ and migrant solidarity, homelessness and housing rights. Leticia is currently employed as a researcher at the Education Centre Against Violence and is a PhD candidate with the Social Work faculty at Sydney University. Leticia's PhD research explores the emergence of 'trauma- informed care and practice' in the homelessness sector in the context of neoliberalism and austerity in Sydney, Australia and Vancouver, Canada.

Lynda Andrews, Domestic Violence Statewide Educator. Lynda is a Maori from New Zealand having worked in community for over 20 years in NSW and has a background in counselling/ groupwork / family support working with families experiencing domestic violence, mental health and parenting across both the Blacktown and Hawkesbury LGA's.

Lynn Mitchell, Sexual Assault Statewide Educator. Lynn has extensive experience in providing counselling, supervision, management and training. She has worked in the area of sexual assault and victims of crime for over 25 years and she has an interest in improving the participation rights of victim/witnesses in the criminal justice system as well as working towards legislative reform.

Marlene Lauw, Aboriginal Family Health Statewide Educator. Marlene is a Wiradjuri woman who has had extensive experience working with Aboriginal communities providing support, counselling, advocacy and group work. She has specialised skills and knowledge in competency based training, workforce development, in the areas of trauma, healing, family violence, sexual assault and child protection.

Melva Kennedy, Course Coordinator and Senior Educator is a Wiradjuri - Eora woman with over 20 years of experience delivering programs on child sexual assault and child protection to Aboriginal communities and workers. She also has extensive knowledge of women's issues and services. In 1999 Melva was awarded a Winston Churchill Fellowship, which enabled her to study Child Abuse in indigenous communities in Toronto Canada. She has presented papers at conferences throughout Australia and in Christchurch, Hawaii and Toronto, and has developed award winning training materials, resources and written works about child protection and child abuse. Melva has also been appointed to many boards, advisory panels and taskforces.

Raelene Boxwell, Sexual Assault Statewide Educator. Raelene has extensive experience in providing counselling, supervision, management and training. She has worked in the area of sexual assault and specialised in providing services to young people who have experienced all forms of abuse.

Sarah Stewart, Senior Project Officer. Sarah currently works at ECAV 2 days a week, job-sharing with Kathy Horne on the Intersectoral Domestic/Family Violence Education and Training Project. Her background includes many years working in the community sector providing domestic violence support services. She has extensive experience as an adult educator / trainer across a range of diverse sectors, in both government agencies and NGOs. Sarah is currently working on a research project investigating inter-agency work and learning. She is committed to supporting practitioners to deliver the best possible outcomes for women and children experiencing violence.

Sigrid Herring, Aboriginal Family Health Statewide Educator. Sigrid has over 20 years experience working with Aboriginal families and communities and has specialist skills in community management, case management and group work. She has extensive training experience in Aboriginal cultural competency, community development, governance and family violence.

Victor Morgan, Senior Educator, is a Jaithmatung (Victorian Alps) and Bunjalung (North Coast) man who is qualified counsellor specialising in social emotional wellbeing, and drug & alcohol and gambling addictions. Victor is the current chairperson of Link-Up NSW and managed the Tribal Warrior mentoring program in 2012. Vic has previously been an Indigenous correspondent for channel 9 and since 2012 has been a facilitator for ECAV working with Aboriginal men across NSW on delivering the Strong Aboriginal Men's Program. Another area of interest for Vic is Indigenous sustainability. Victor would like to see Aboriginal Communities and people have a sound financial future utilising the rich asset base to make strong long term investment for the coming generations.

Information Services

Vanessa Dray, Information Technology Analyst. Vanessa has high-level information technology skills including multimedia, web and trouble shooting. She manages the ECAV IT equipment, website and intranet site. She also has vast event management experience and manages ECAV events which include international guest speakers, graduations and state-wide forums.

Susan Isaacs, Information Technology Administrator. Susan provides support to the growing information technology, resources and events related projects. Susan brings high-level administration skills to the organisation and is responsible for maintaining registers for IT systems and resources, and event coordination.

Lilian Bonnici, Librarian, has over 30 years' experience in knowledge management, concentrating her efforts in special libraries. She offers skills in organisation and research and has a commitment to improving conditions for people who experience sexual assault and domestic violence.

Administration Team

Anna Pereira, Office Manager. Anna manages the administration team and handles the day to day running of the office, including accounts, enquiries, building maintenance and stock for the office and workshops. It is essential for the administration team to streamline processes and maintain accuracy across all areas. She is dedicated in ensuring the team is consistent and procedures are aligned within ECAV.

Almas Homayunfard, Administration Officer. Almas assists with daily Administrative duties. Her primary task is to ensure that the calendar is up to date. She is meticulous with the training calendar as it is essential to the development of various processes of the organisation.

Geeta Bellett, Administration Officer. Geeta distributes the resource orders and assists the Office Manager with accounts. She is dedicated to being receptive and helpful to the many people she communicates with daily.

Kim Scarcella, Administration Officer - Workshops. Kim manages course registrations for participants applying for ECAV workshops and various associated tasks related to workshops. Kim assists with the preparation prior to the large forms that are held throughout each year as well as many general administration duties.

Mariam Singh, Administration Officer. Mariam manages the course registrations, developing learning materials and coordinates all travel arrangements. She is committed to managing the administration of all ECAV courses by maintaining a high level of accuracy with data entry and delivering the associated documentation to the team on time.

Mark Periera, Administration Officer - Accounts. Mark manages all the payable invoices including payment, tracking and reporting. Mark also supported the administration team with various office tasks.

Vivianne Fatu, Viv's main focus is coordinating including document management for the Aboriginal Family Health team. Viv provides high-level skills to ensure preparation is completed prior to program commencement. Viv also assists the complex task of assessment tracking.

Management Support

Rachael Kelleher, Rachael joined ECAV in 2011 to work with the Director and Associate Director with tasks such as recruiting, event coordination, proofing/editing, the training calendar and various other projects. Rachael brings high level organisational and communication skills having many years' experience in Project Management and Event Management roles.

Management

Lorna McNamara, Director. Lorna has been Director of ECAV for nine years and prior to that was the senior health educator for the mental health and sexual assault portfolio. Lorna has had an active role in research projects such as Every Boundary Broken, which was pivotal in establishing policy on sexual safety in NSW mental health services. Her current focus is the development of qualification pathways to support an Aboriginal work force skilled in case management and counselling in the areas of sexual assault, family violence and child abuse.

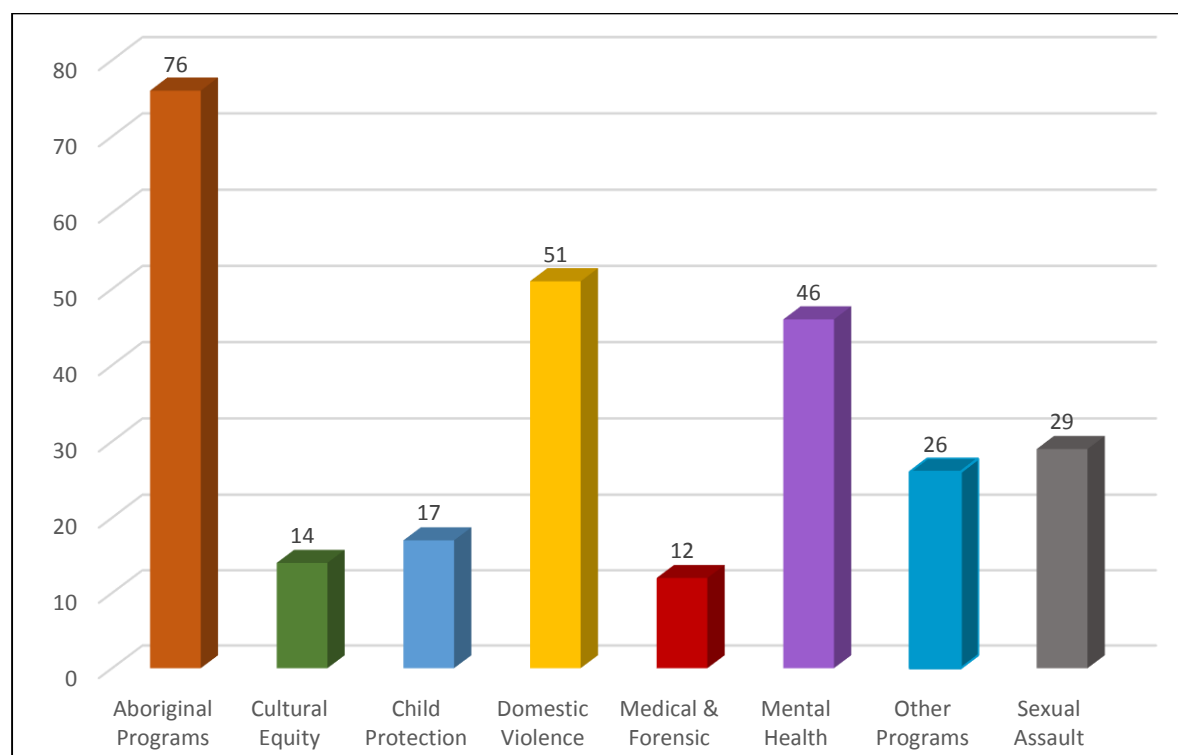
Jo Campbell, Associate Director. Jo has many years' experience working in the area of sexual violence, both in NSW and Tasmania. She has specialist skills in working with children and adults who have experienced trauma. She also offers training and management skills and one of her major projects is managing the training calendar.

Training Provided 2014

In 2014 ECAV provided 271 ongoing courses across the state attended by over 2,721 participants.

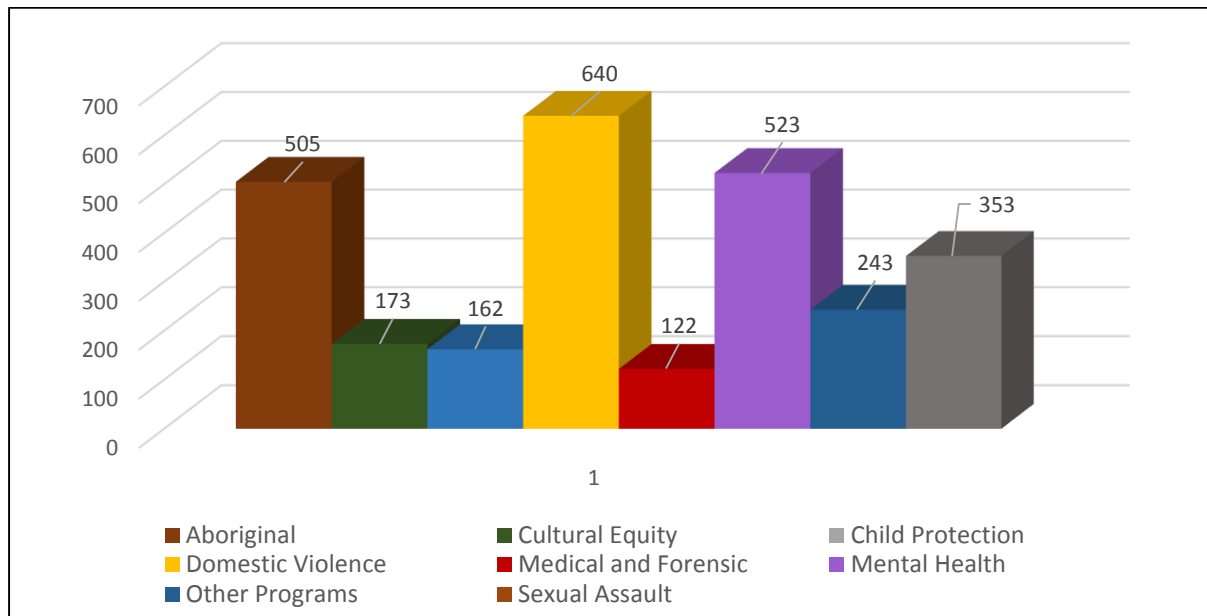
Portfolio Areas	Participants
Aboriginal	505
Cultural Equity	173
Child Protection	162
Domestic Violence	640
Medical and Forensic	122
Mental Health	523
Other Programs	243
Sexual Assault	353
Total trained in 271 workshops	2,721
Presentations and Briefings	1,976
Total Participants trained	4,697

Number of ECAV training workshops 2014 by portfolio



The overall number of courses provided is an increase of 74 more courses held compared to 2013 when 197 courses were provided.

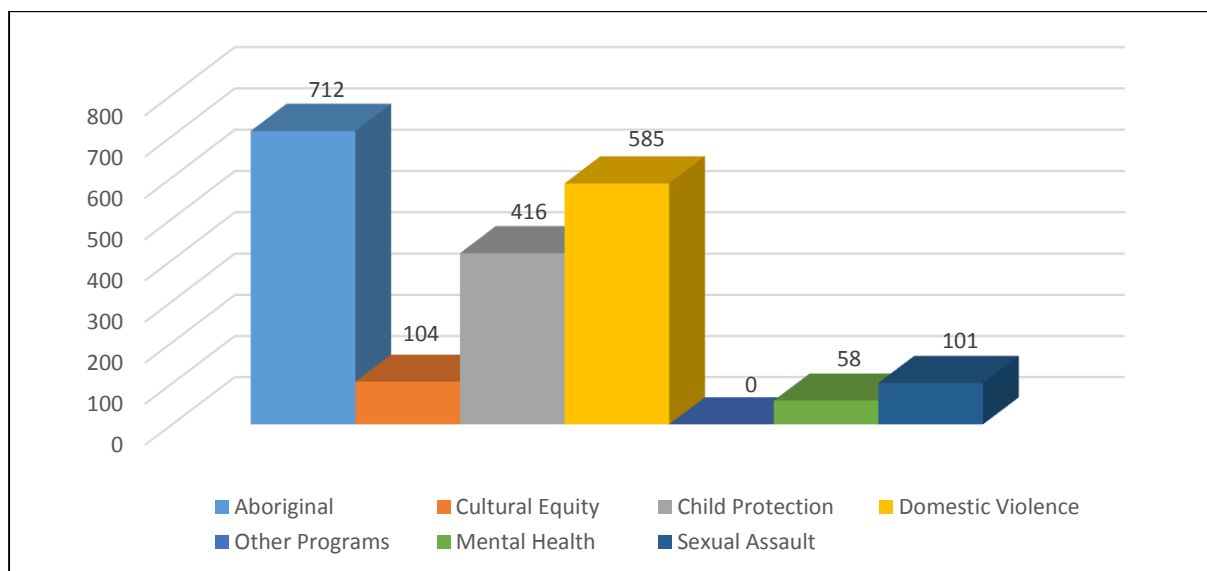
Number of participants attending ECAV training workshops 2014



Total participants for 2014 was 2,721 which is a 8% increase from 2013 when 2,516 participants attended ECAV courses. The portfolio with the largest number of participants in 2014 was Domestic Violence with 640 participants, comprising 24% of all attendees at ECAV programs.

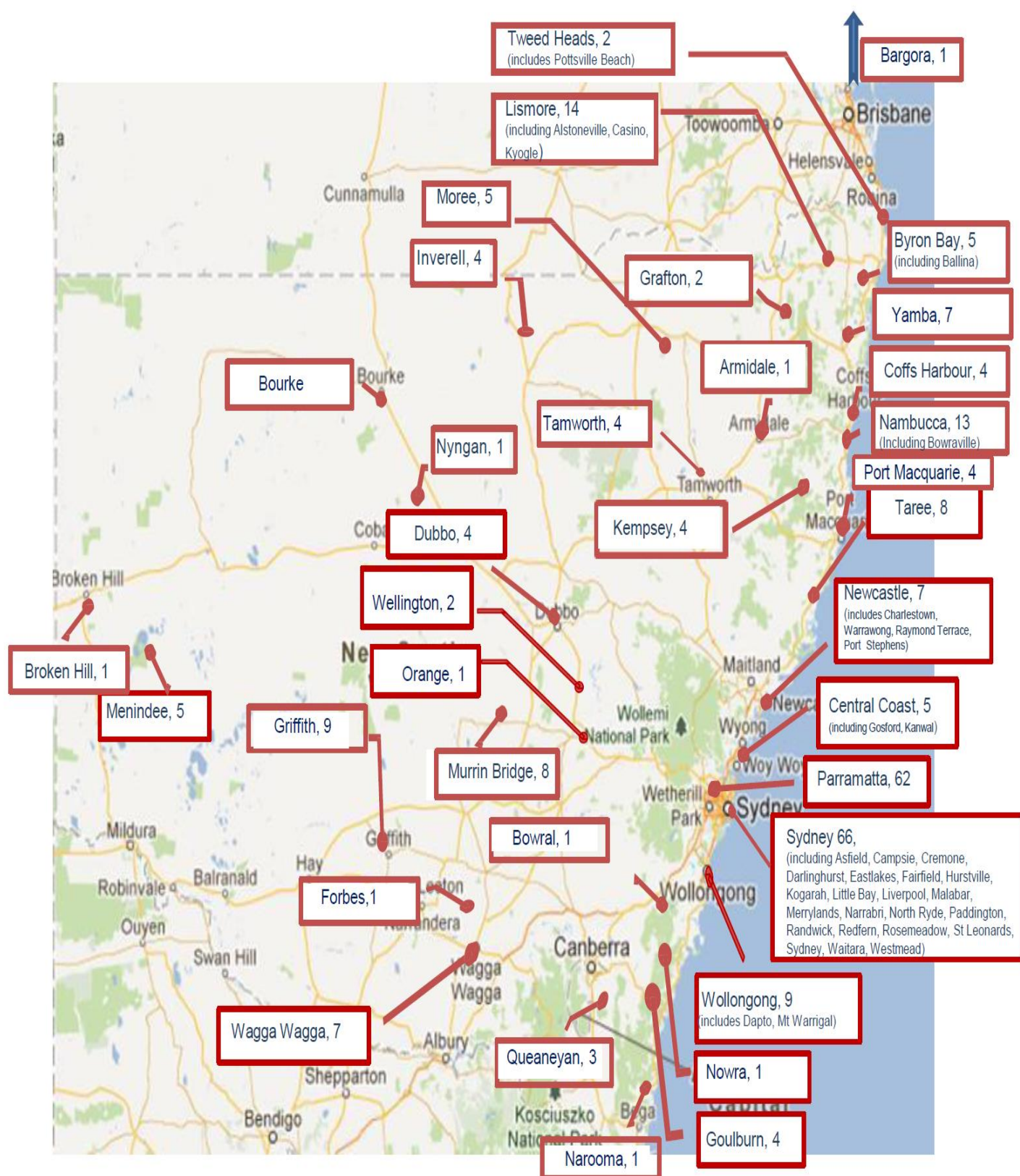
Number of participants attending ECAV short presentations 2014

An additional 1,976 participants were trained in 40 short presentations in the following portfolios.

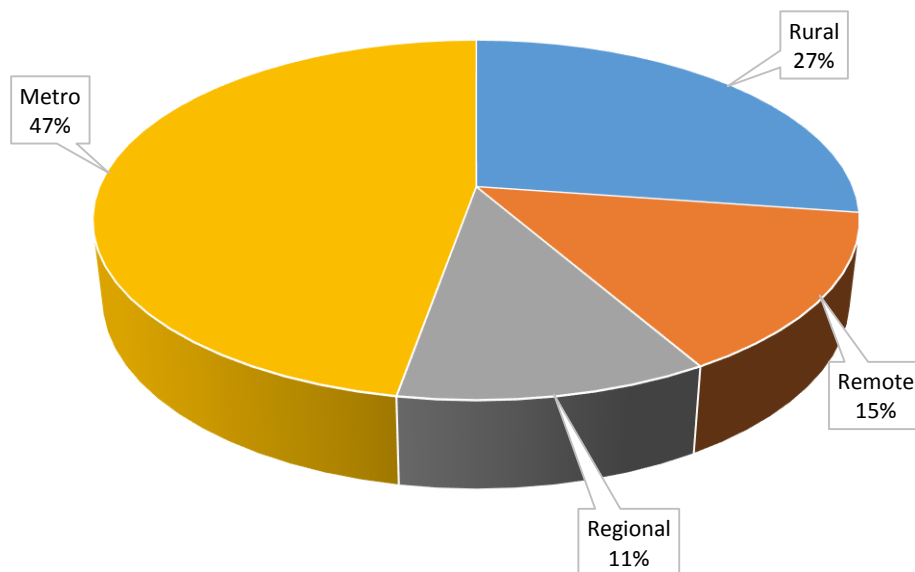


With short presentations included, the total number of participants attending workshops and all other training courses in 2014 was 4,697.

ECAV Courses by Area



Number of ECAV courses by Area 2014



Part of the remit of ECAV is to run training that is accessible for workers across the state.

In 2014, 271 of the 30 workshops were provided in regional centres, 74 were in rural settings, and 39 were in remote locations including Wellington, Forbes, Nyngan, Murrin Bridge and Inverell.

ECAV increased its training to remote centres by 7% in 2014.

Forums and Events

Annual Aboriginal Graduation Dinner

Our May 2014 Graduation dinner, held at the Waterview Bicentennial Park Homebush, saw over 100 people attend to celebrate the 13th graduation ceremony for participants in the Certificate IV in Aboriginal Family Health, the 3rd graduation ceremony for the Advanced Diploma of Aboriginal Specialist Trauma Counselling and the 1st Graduation Ceremony for the Graduate Certificate in Human & Community Services (Trauma Stream).

The welcome to Country was announced by Melissa Stubbings and entertainment was provided by Katcha. The inspiring guest speaker was Associate Professor Kelvin Kong, Paediatric & Adult Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgeon Hunter ENT.

Sera Iancu Lawson Memorial Award

In 2010/11, ECAV implemented the 'Memorial Award for Sera Iancu Lawson', which is awarded on an annual basis. It was created by ECAV in honour of Sera Iancu, an ECAV member, Aboriginal Family Health, mother and grandmother who passed away in 2010 after a courageous battle with a terminal illness. The award is to recognise personal courage, strength and commitment. It is to celebrate the student who's spirit and heart overcomes life's adversities and in the face of extraordinary difficulties, continues to remain connected to life and to everyone around them. This award is a celebration of life and a recognition of how hard that journey can be and is awarded to someone who exemplifies every one of those wonderful qualities. The 2014 recipient of this award was Natalie Short.



Community Services Research to Practice Seminar on Child Protection and Child Sexual Abuse

Kathy Horne was a member of the panel at the recent Community Services Research to Practice Seminar on Child Protection and Child sexual abuse in March 2014. Over 180 participants from Community Services, NGOs and other government departments attended. The panel addressed issues emerging from a case study and how practice could be improved including better responses to and engagement of children; better referral pathways; polyvictimisation and what that tells us about how to work with families affected by child sexual abuse. Other presenters included Dale Tolliday, Donna Roese, Cherie Smith and Pam Swinfield.

Doing It For The Kids

The “**Doing It For The Kids**” forum at Liverpool Hospital in March 2014 focused on how trauma adversely affects brain development and applied that information to inform collaborative health care for children and young people living in out-of-home care. More than 200 professionals from the out-of-home care sector, including speech pathologists, occupational therapists, social workers, paediatricians, child and family health nurses, psychologists, counsellors and caseworkers attended the forum.

Kathy Horne was one of the keynote speakers presenting on Trauma Informed Practice and the other keynote was the Developing Brain and the Impact of Developmental Trauma by Nathan Mikaere Wallis from Brainwave Trust, NZ

Unpacking Grooming Tactics - the whole story

Held in May this year, ECAV ran a one day forum titled “Unpacking Grooming Tactics - the whole story” with guest speaker Patrick Tidmarsh.

Patrick is a Subject Matter Expert with the Specialist Development Unit (SDU) of Victoria Police. The SDU is a part of the Sexual Offence and Child Abuse Investigation Team (SOCIT) Project. Patrick specialises in developing police members’ understanding of sexual offending and sexual offenders, as well as improving investigations and interviews of sexual offence suspects. Patrick also began the development of the ‘Whole Story’ conceptual framework. ‘Whole Story’ is a conceptual framework that informs the finding of fact in sexual assault, rape and sexual child abuse cases and he is currently completing a PhD researching the efficacy of the ‘Whole Story’ framework, and its effect on investigators’ knowledge, attitudes and skills in the investigation and interviewing of sexual offenders.

The learning objectives for participants who attended the forum were to demonstrate an understanding of the importance of exploring grooming behaviour in suspect interviews, the value of corroborative information (‘the whole story’) when working with a child or young person and to the investigative and child protection process, as well as identify strategies to engage and communicate around this information with Police and Family and Community Service colleagues.

Domestic Violence Routine Screening (DVRS) 30 April 2014



Domestic Violence Routine Screening (DVRS) continues to address many challenges ranging from screening during home visits to low screening rates in general, in a changing policy environment in NSW. The Forum explored innovative solutions to complex problems within the implement of DVRS. There was an update of the NSW DV Reforms and what they mean for health professionals including current research and updates from NSW Kids and Families. The Forum aims to enhance the existing skills of Health workers who are involved in DVRS in the provision of best practice strategies.

Welcome to Country was announced by Melva Kennedy, a Wiradjuri - Eora woman, who has over 20 years of experience delivering programs on child sexual assault and child protection to Aboriginal communities and workers.

Our special guest speakers were: Joanna Holt, Chief Executive, NSW Kids and Families, acknowledging the skills and knowledge involved when Health workers screen women for domestic violence. Mailin Suchting, Director, Child Protection and Violence Prevention, NSW Kids & Families, discussing supports needed for staff to enable them to support victims of DV throughout the DV screening process and once DV is identified. Heather Nancarrow, Chief Executive Officer and Mayet Costello, Research Manager from National Centre of Excellence to Reduce Violence Against Women and Their Children, both talking about leading research into domestic violence to influence policy and practice to reduce violence against women and their children. Jo Spangaro, Lecturer in Social Science, University of NSW, talking about emerging understandings of DVRS, implications both for staff and also for women when DV is identified. Jo presented a number of women's stories about their experiences of being screened for DV and the outcomes for them. Robyn Dale, Project Officer and Trainer, Safe at Home Safe at Work, Training and Development, presenting on the identification of domestic violence by staff as a usual part of their work practice - "What's been done and what needs to be done!"

Lorna McNamara's 20 year ECAV Anniversary

It was essential that the team celebrated our fearless leaders huge achievement in October.



Resources

Resource Development

Part of the educative role ECAV plays includes the development and distribution of resources for health professionals. This includes training packages, educational DVDs and written resources for use with community members. ECAV resources are in high demand by practitioners, government and non-government agencies and tertiary teaching institutions.

Distribution

The training, professional and community resources that were distributed by ECAV in 2014 were:

Resource Name	Particulars
Aboriginal Family Health Worker Model: A trauma informed approach	Poster/Card
Anyone's Story	VHS / DVD
Safer Lives Better Health	DVD
Brad's Story	DVD
Identify & Respond to Children & Young People at Risk of Harm	VHS / DVD
Big Shame	VHS / DVD
Who's The Loser	VHS / DVD
Doctors In Court	VHS / DVD
Counselling With Interpreters	VHS
Cultural Competence In Working With Suicidality & Interpersonal Trauma	CD-ROM
Caught Out	VHS / DVD
Navigating The Journey	BOOKLET
Nothing But The Truth	MANUAL
Helping To Make It Better	MANUAL
Safer Lives Poster	POSTER
Sharing The Unshareable	BOOKLET
Speak Up	RESOURCE KIT
The Medical and Forensic Management of Adult Sexual Assault	MANUAL
Who Can A Man Tell	BOOKLET
When A Man Is Raped	BOOKLET
What Is Sexual Assault - Chinese, Korean, Turkish, Arabic, Hindi, Italian, Khmer Or Spanish	BOOKLET

New Resource

ECAV have developed a new resource - **Aboriginal Family Health Worker Model: A trauma informed approach**, which will be used in selected training and a copy of the poster given to participants.

Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, young people and adults live in safe and supportive environments. However the impacts of colonialism and ongoing social and economic inequalities have created the conditions in which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, young people and women, in particular, experience higher rates of domestic and family violence, child abuse and sexual assault than non-Aboriginal Australians.

